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1. The Belene forced labor camp consists of five small compounds numbered one through five. Compounds one and two are located on an island in the Danube River; while numbers three, four, and five are south of the Danube on the mainland. (See enclosed sketch.)¹ there are about 3,000 persons in these five compounds.²

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2. the following persons being detained in the Belene camp

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- a. (fnu) Boshkov, Minister of Construction until September 1944;
- b. Nikola Bronzov, a former mayor of Sofia (1944-1947), in compound one;
- c. (fnu) Dikov, a former colonel in a tank unit;
- d. (fnu) Ganchev, a former colonel;
- e. (fnu) Grozdanov, a former general (commander of the 8 infantry division), employed in the library of the camp, held in compound one;
- f. Khristo Ivanchev, attorney, formerly an Agrarian deputy from Cherven Breg, was in charge of one of the labor groups in the camp, held in compound one;

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- g. Dobri Kasurov, a veterinarian and former major; 50X1-HUM
- h. Khristo Kunchev, [redacted] a former leader of the National Socialist Party, held in compound one; 50X1-HUM
- i. (fnu) Kyupribashiev, [redacted] a former major from Shumen; 50X1-HUM
- j. Ivan Moskov, [redacted] a former deputy of the Socialist Party, held in compound four; 50X1-HUM
- k. Stoicho Mushavov, [redacted] a former cabinet minister, employed as a shepherd in the camp, held in compound one; 50X1-HUM
- l. Khristo Stoyanov, [redacted] a former Agrarian Party minister, held in compound four; 50X1-HUM
- m. (fnu) Todorov, [redacted] a former professor, held in compound one; 50X1-HUM
- n. Ivan Vulkov, [redacted] Minister of the Army 1923-1928, held in compound one and; 50X1-HUM
- o. (fnu) Yotov, the Reverend, [redacted] held in compound four. 50X1-HUM

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- 2. [redacted] Comment: This is one of the lowest estimates [redacted] In view of the tendency [redacted] to exaggerate [redacted] the more conservative estimates may well most closely approximate the truth. 50X1-HUM
- 3. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] report to come to our attention that Stoicho Mushanov is being held in the Belene camp. 50X1-HUM
- 4. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] report to come to our attention that Khristo Stoyanov is being held in the Belene camp. 50X1-HUM



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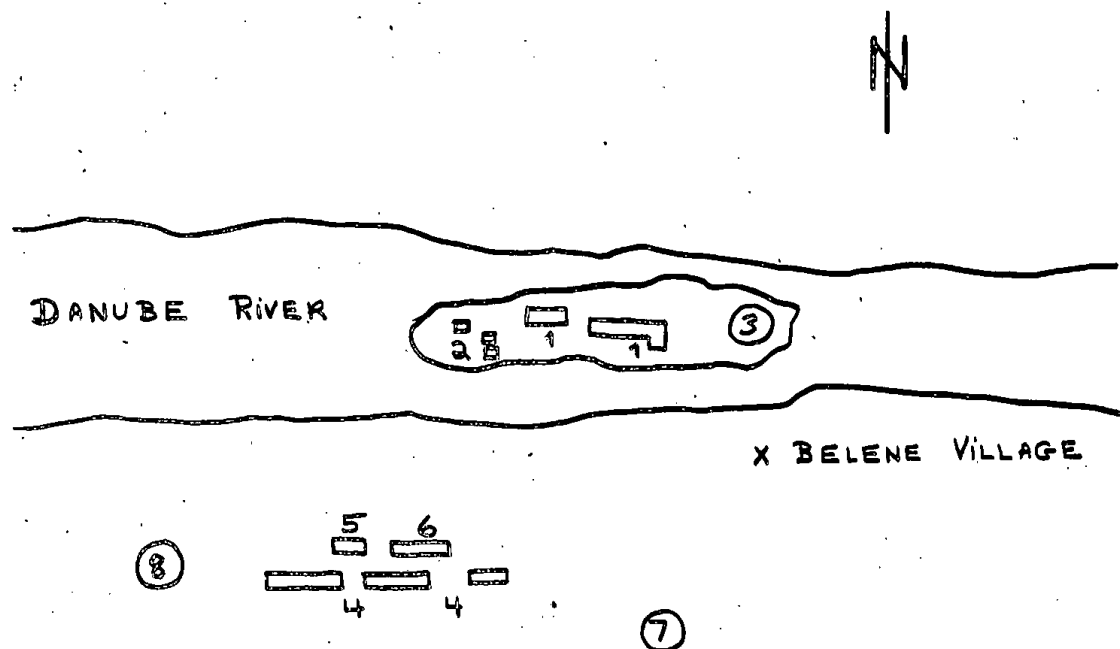
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ROUGH SKETCH OF BELENE

FORCED LABOR CAMP



KEY:

- 1. Prisoners' barracks
- 2. Militia barracks
- 3. Camp
- 4. Prisoners' barracks
- 5. Kitchen
- 6. Warehouse
- 7. Camp
- 8. Camp

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